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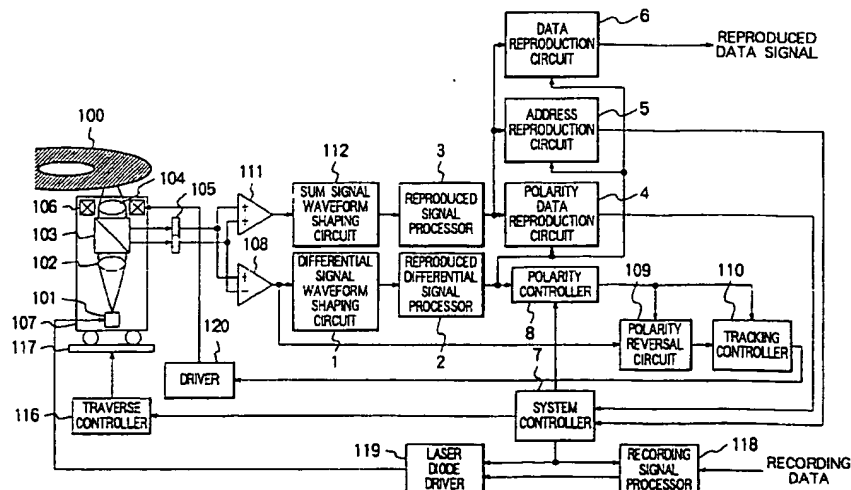
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ABSTRACT

The invention provides an optical disk medium having a recording spiral formed by connecting groove tracks and land tracks alternately, and permitting detection of a connecting point between a groove track and a land track reliably is provided, and a method of tracking the optical disk medium and an optical disk drive apparatus for driving the optical disk medium. One part of an identification signal area is shifted by a predetermined distance in one radial direction from the center of a groove, while another part of the identification signal area is shifted by the same distance in the opposite radial direction from the center of the groove. A land/groove polarity of a sector is determined by the polarity of a tracking error signal and the order of the polarities during reproduction of an identification signal.

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